

Fresh clashes erupt in N. Lebanon

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Syrian peacekeeping forces and local gunmen exchanged sporadic shellfire in this troubled northern Lebanese city Wednesday after a Syrian soldier was shot dead by an unidentified assailant. Five people were reported injured, one of them seriously, in the clashes. Security sources said the soldier was visiting people in the Kubbah district when a gunman stormed the house and sprayed him with a burst of machine-gun fire. They said several passers-by were injured in the clashes in which local residents said shells of various calibres and heavy machine-guns were used. Tripoli is under the overall control of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon but has a long history of violence between pro and anti-Syrian militias.

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'Time running out for Mideast peace'

ARUSHA, Tanzania (R) — A meeting here to prepare an international conference on the Palestinians has been told that time is running out for a peaceful solution to the problem. Representatives of most African governments are attending the meeting, chaired by Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim. It will prepare Africa's position before a United Nations-sponsored international conference on the Palestinian issue due to be held in Paris in August. Tanzanian Prime Minister Edward Nkomo told the opening meeting Tuesday that time was running out to solve the Palestinian issue peacefully and he called on governments to help to find answers to it.

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Beirut ambush kills 1 Israeli, injures 2

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli soldier was killed and two wounded Tuesday night in a guerrilla ambush southeast of Beirut, the military command announced. The patrol was hit by bazooka fire near Kabbale, southeast of the Beirut suburb of Baabda, a military spokesman said. News of the incident was withheld for more than 24 hours until families of the victims were informed. Two Israeli soldiers were killed in the same area two weeks ago when their vehicle struck a land mine.

Lebanon detains arms haul

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese customs officials said Tuesday they discovered artillery shells aboard a ship which had arrived in Beirut port from Greece. They said they were checking with Egyptian authorities a statement by the ship's captain that the cargo was destined for the Egyptian government. The vessel, whose name was not immediately available, arrived here Monday. Lebanese Radio reports said. Justice sources said it was banned from sailing pending investigations.

Jerusalem Committee to meet April 18

JEDDAH (R) — A meeting of the Jerusalem Committee scheduled to take place in Rabat on April 3 has been postponed until April 18, the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) announced Wednesday. In a statement issued at its Jeddah headquarters the OIC said the adjournment was due to prior engagements of the committee's members. The meeting called for by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will discuss the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories and latest developments in the Arab World. The Jerusalem Committee was set up by the 43-member organisation.

Japan urges Arabs to recognise Israel

CAIRO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said that Israel's recognition by the Arab countries could help the United States find a solution to the Middle East problem. The Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram reported Wednesday. The semi-official newspaper, which interviewed Mr. Nakasone in Tokyo, quoted him as saying: "It is essential for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Arab countries to announce their readiness to live in peace with Israel."

Moscow says Israel plans to attack Syria

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government Wednesday accused Israel of preparing to attack Syria. Where Soviet troops are reported to be manning new missile defence bases. A rare official government statement said Israel regarded Damascus as the main obstacle to its power in the region and was trying to use Syria's new "defensive measures" — a reference to the missiles — as an excuse for aggression. "Military preparations are being conducted in Israel undisguisedly with the aim of delivering a piratical strike at Syria," the statement, carried by TASS news agency, said.

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Violent protests mark Land Day in W. Bank

TEL AVIV (R) — Palestinian demonstrators stoned Israeli vehicles, blocked roads and staged strikes Wednesday in widespread protests to commemorate the seventh anniversary of protests against land seizures.

Eleven Israeli passengers were injured by shattered glass when buses were stoned in four separate incidents in the West Bank. Israeli border troops were out in force to quell unrest and imposed curfews on the West Bank's largest town, Nablus, and a dozen refugee camps to prevent disturbances. Security sources said the protests were mild compared to previous Land Day demonstrations. Land Day commemorates the death of six Arabs killed by Israeli soldiers during demonstrations against land expropriations in Galilee in 1976. The day was observed in Israeli Arab villages with peaceful mass gatherings and processions, while Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip showed their solidarity by

commercial strikes and protests. Nine Nablus residents were arrested for violating the curfew, and six Arab youths in East Jerusalem and Nazareth were arrested in connection with stonings, security officials said. In the Gaza Strip, youths twice hurled hand grenades at Israeli army patrols near the Jabalya refugee camp but caused no injuries. A device containing one kilogramme of explosive planted near military headquarters in Gaza City was dismantled before it blew up, Israeli Radio said. In the West Bank town of Tulkarm, attackers threw three home-made molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles Tuesday and Wednesday. Security forces in the territories forced shopkeepers to open their

stores, threatening to seal up businesses that continued to observe the strike. Shops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip opened under the military pressure, the radio said. An army helicopter hovered overhead in an effort to determine possible trouble spots. Israeli troops, armed with sub-machineguns, watched from rooftops in the West Bank town of Ramallah. They could be seen looting on mattresses on the outskirts of other West Bank towns, apparently ready to move in swiftly if violence flared. Bedouin Arabs in Israel's southern Negev, who have been under pressure to give up their pasture lands to make way for new Israeli military installations, also staged protests, burning tyres and closing schools for the day. In a separate incident, a seven-year-old Arab child was killed and two other children injured while playing with a land mine they uncovered near their home in the Galilee town of Shfaram, the radio said. Police said the incident was not related to Land Day.

Arafat in Syria

DAMASCUS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Damascus Wednesday on the latest stop of an Arab tour before expected talks in Amman with King Hussein. The talks, which the Jordanian leader has described as crucial, will centre on how to respond to President Reagan's Middle East peace plan launched last September. Mr. Arafat was originally expected in Amman at the beginning of this week, but instead toured Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait and now Syria. This aroused speculation that he could be consulting Arab governments, as well as fellow Palestinian leaders, on a possible commitment to a joint Middle East peace effort with Jordan. In Kuwait, Mr. Arafat chaired a meeting of leaders of Fateh, the mainstream group of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). His close aide Abu Iyad said Tuesday night the Palestinians would go along with Jordan, but only if Jordan could guarantee Israel's withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Palestinian sources said that while in Damascus Mr. Arafat would chair meetings of the PLO's 15-man Executive Committee, and the PLO Supreme Military Council. Many of the leading PLO figures live in Syria. He was also expected to make a speech Wednesday to mark Land Day, commemorating March 30, 1976, when six Arabs were killed during demonstrations in the West Bank against Israeli seizure of land there. There was no immediate word on whether Mr. Arafat would meet Syrian leaders.

Israel seals off Jenin

JENIN, Occupied West Bank (R) — Israeli troops sealed off this tense Palestinian town Wednesday as medical investigators tried to track down a mystery poisoning that has struck some 400 Palestinians and fanned fresh unrest in the West Bank. The people of Jenin stayed in their shuttered homes as border troops imposed a curfew after demonstrations Tuesday. Apart from a few foreign journalists, all travellers were turned back at roadblocks outside the town. Government hospital staff said the Israeli occupation authorities had ordered them not to discuss the apparent mass poisoning. Army officers refused to meet correspondents. Five days after the first cases were reported, Israeli civilian and army teams have failed to explain the illness.

Haddad's role reportedly blocks withdrawal talks

TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib conferred Wednesday with the Israeli foreign and defence ministers but failed to break the deadlock in negotiations on a withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon. Israeli officials said. After the 90-minute meeting Mr. Habib told reporters he was leaving for Washington Thursday and would return to the Middle East next week. The main stumbling block in the negotiations is still the future of Israeli-backed militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad, a senior Israeli official said. Israel has demanded that Maj. Haddad's forces be integrated into the Lebanese army and that Maj. Haddad himself be given a senior command post in southern Lebanon.

With the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) now demanding an international investigation, the Israeli seemed to be under mounting pressure to find the cause. "I have been in medicine for 40 years and have never seen cases like this," said Dr. Khalid Asir, who runs the small, privately owned Shifa hospital in Jenin. And Tuesday, 70 adult Palestinians from Jenin complained of symptoms similar to those suffered by schoolgirls in the Jenin area — headaches, dizziness and nausea. Twenty-four adults were taken to hospital in Jenin, and 20 others in Israel, security sources said. Two Israeli border policemen stationed outside the Jenin hospital also complained of similar symptoms and were taken to hospital.

But Lebanon refuses to commit itself to keeping the Haddad forces together or to retaining the renegade major, who was cashiered from the Lebanese army in 1979. The official, briefing correspondents after the meeting, said Mr. Habib had not brought any new proposals from Lebanon and the Lebanese still objected to leaving Maj. Haddad in any command capacity in southern Lebanon. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Mr. Habib nobody in Israel would take the responsibility for withdrawing troops from Lebanon without being certain that "there were people left behind who we can trust," the official said.

Oil slick nears Qatari coast

DOHA, Qatar (R) — A giant oil slick, estimated to cover an area about the size of Belgium, is likely to hit the Gulf state of Qatar within the next 24 hours, a government environment official said Wednesday. Dr. Hassan Kuskush told Qatar Radio that oil spewing from two damaged Iranian wells at a rate of 7,000 barrels a day was about six miles north of Qatar and covered an area two or three times the size of the 4,000-square-mile peninsula. Qatar Radio urged the country's 250,000 residents not to panic. The local Red Crescent Society called for volunteers to help in planned clean-up operations. Helicopter and satellite surveillance showed that the slick, worst spill ever in the oil-producing region and likely to devastate rich fishing areas, was 16 miles north of Bahrain.

Jordan stages rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — A public rally was held at the Palace of Culture Wednesday to commemorate Land Day in remembrance of Arabs killed by Israeli authorities in Galilee in 1976. Speakers at the rally paid tribute to the "steadfastness of the Arab population under Israeli occupation and their heroic struggle in confronting the Zionist oppression," the Jordanian News Agency, Petra said. They also deplored "collusion by Zionists and certain nations against Arab countries in general and the Palestinian people in particular." The speakers also called on Arabs to "unify their ranks and mobilise their resources to confront the Zionist enemy who constantly threatens the Arab Nation, its existence and future," the agency reported. They appealed to Arab leaders to render support to the Arabs under Israeli occupation and appealed to international organisations and bodies to support the just struggle of the Palestinians, Petra said. The rally was attended by National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti, heads of Jordanian trade unions, key Jordanian intellectuals, journalists and senior officials.

Sugar, rice prices to go down

AMMAN (Petra) — The price of sugar and rice will go down as of April 2, according to instructions issued Wednesday by Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub. According to the new instructions, a tonne of sugar will cost JD 168 in wholesale while the retail price of a kilogramme will be 180 fils, a reduction of 30 fils. A tonne of rice will cost JD 165 in wholesale and the retail price of a kilogramme of rice will be sold at 180 fils. Commenting on the price reduction, Mr. Ayyoub said that this was made possible by a drop in the prices of these commodities on the international market.

Palestinians reject move to issue identity cards

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian refugees categorically reject a proposal by the United Nations General Assembly to issue identity cards to them. If such cards would replace the ration cards issued by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), a representative of the refugees said Wednesday. The representative, who attended a meeting here between representatives of refugee camps in Jordan and UNRWA Director Per Olof Hallquist to discuss issues related to the agency's services in Jordan, said that the issuing of identity cards would mean a stoppage of UNRWA activities in the country. "The Palestinian people and the Palestinian issue is well-known to the world without such identity cards and that is why we reject such a proposal," the representative told the Jordan Times. "We also reject a proposed reduction in UNRWA services in Jordan whether in the level of relief services or the number of the agency's employees," he added. Mr. Hallquist later briefed the Jordan Times on the issues discussed during Wednesday's meeting and said that the refugees have asked him to convey to UNRWA Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck their demand that the ration cards should not be withdrawn in the event of issuance of separate identity cards. "I promised them that I would convey their views to Mr. Rydbeck," Mr. Hallquist said. However, the UNRWA director pointed out that a majority of the U.N. General Assembly,

including Arab states, were in favour of such identity cards and said: "If the refugees want to express their rejection of such a move, they should take up the issue with the concerned authorities." "In spite of earlier agreements between the refugees and Mr. Rydbeck that education and health services have to be given priority, the representatives again complained of inadequate rations," Mr. Hallquist said. "I assured them that the UNRWA would continue to give rations to those who are in dire need as we are doing today," he said. Another issue raised during Wednesday's meeting was the lack of hospital facilities and Mr. Hallquist said that UNRWA funds are not sufficient enough for such facilities.

"The commissioner-general has said that when relinquishing the general distribution of rations, he would try to improve services in other fields," Mr. Hallquist said. "I was happy to be able to tell them (the Palestinian representatives) that we've already started to build a school in Marka; we are starting a new school in Jurweideh and we plan to build another school in Russeifa and we believe that we have a possibility late this year to start a new school north of Shuneh," he said. "We have yesterday (Tuesday) opened a new child health clinic in Baqa'a," he added. "We have recently been able to get one dental team to Jordan, and believe that these are proofs that the commissioner-general has committed himself to improve health and education services as far as the limited UNRWA funds permit."

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His Majesty King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman (left) are Wednesday briefed on the facilities offered at the Queen Alia Heart Institute by the director of the Royal Medical Services, Daoud Hanania (to Sultan Qaboos' left)

Hussein, Qaboos formally inaugurate heart institute, rehabilitation centre

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman Wednesday formally inaugurated the Queen Alia Heart Institute and the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at the King Hussein Medical Centre. The King and Sultan Qaboos were briefed on the facilities and services offered at the institute by the director of the Royal Medical Services, Daoud Hanania. The 100-bed institute, which became operational in March last year, had cost JD 7 million, wholly financed by Sultan Qaboos as a gift to King Hussein, the Armed Forces and the people of Jordan. Since March 1982, the institute's outpatient department registered 12,000 patients, of whom 1882 were admitted for heart surgery, Dr. Hanania said. He said that the institute has become a major regional centre which now offers medical services to civilians and military personnel from Jordan and other Arab states. Almost 95 per cent of the institute's staff are Jordanian technicians and specialists, Dr. Hanania said. King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos

also were briefed on the Royal Rehabilitation Centre, which, Dr. Hanania said, was established in 1976 to offer treatment to physically handicapped people. The centre, which cost JD 9 million, became operational early this year, Dr. Hanania said. He added that the 147-bed centre includes units for treating burns, the spinal cord, joints, the vertebral column, and for transplanting tissue and limbs as well as psychotherapy. According to Dr. Hanania, all the staff at the centre are Jordanian specialists with advanced training in their respective fields. Following the ceremony, King Hussein and the Omani leader inspected the centre's various departments and watched two open heart surgeries which were in progress at the time of the visit. The ceremony was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, senior army officers and an Omani delegation accompanying Sultan Qaboos. Sultan Qaboos signed an official register at the centre and voiced appreciation of the centre's staff

for the humanitarian services they render to the patients. Earlier Wednesday Sultan Qaboos visited the Martyr's Monument. Badran hosts luncheon On Wednesday noon, King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos attended a luncheon banquet hosted by Prime Minister Mudar Badran at Al Hussein Youth City. The banquet was also attended by the Omani delegation accompanying Sultan Qaboos. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, cabinet members, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Qattan, senior officials and high ranking army officers as well as the heads of diplomatic missions in Jordan.

Arar: Jordanian-Palestinian talks aim at confederal ties

By Lamis Andoni
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The on-going Jordanian-Palestinian talks are based on the establishment of future confederal relations, National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar said Wednesday. "We do not consider ourselves as two in the ongoing talks but rather one people in our commitment to liberate the Israeli occupied Arab territories," he said. Mr. Arar was addressing a delegation representing the European Parliament, which visited the NCC Wednesday. Mr. Arar welcomed the delegation to Jordan and said that the "critical and delicate situation which the area is passing through cannot be ignored in any sort of discussion." "We would have liked to talk to you about development and economic ties but the present critical situation in the area compels us to concentrate on the latest political developments in the Middle East."

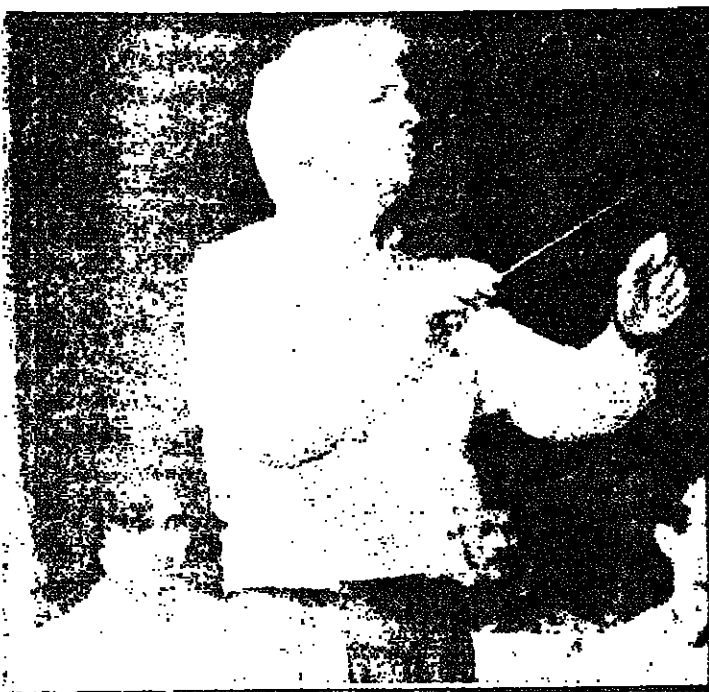
Arabs plan meeting to review Fez plan results

RABAT (R) — Contacts are in progress to convene a summit of seven Arab League members to discuss the next steps in the Middle East peace process, a senior Moroccan government official said Wednesday. He said the summit would assemble heads of states which are members of the committee of seven, set up by the last Arab

summit held in Fez in September and which includes the (PLO). The committee, composed of Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia and the PLO, recently completed a tour of the capitals of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council in an effort to obtain support for an Arab peace plan adopted by the Fez summit.

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HOME NEWS



Jean Jakus, founder and conductor of the European Philharmonic Orchestra (Photo: Margi Bryant)

EEC festival youth orchestra scores on sensitivity

By Margi Bryant
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Tuesday night's gala concert by the Young Soloists of the European Philharmonic Orchestra is bound to rank as one of the highlights of the European Community Spring Festival, even with three weeks of musical events still to come. The 27-member chamber orchestra, made up of top students from European academies of music, impressed the first-night audience at the Royal Cultural Centre with the professionalism and sensitivity of their playing.

Chamber music, with its greater demands on both player and listener, is arguably less familiar to the Amman public than symphonic music. The true quality of the Young Soloists Orchestra was probably best appreciated by those who were familiar with the

music played, despite the fact that—by choosing, for the most part, established works from the chamber repertoire—the players exposed themselves to rigorous comparisons.

They did not come off badly from such comparison, especially the solo players. First violinist Silvin Emil Clobotta played the violin solo in the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante with an expressiveness not easily matched anywhere. The co-ordination between the Clobotta and the highly professional playing of viola soloist Gisella Bergman was exact, both technically and interpretatively, while the supporting strings imbued this lovely piece of music with a compelling blend of tension and lyricism.

The same expert co-ordination was felt between the two viola soloists in the Bach D major dou-

ble concerto, which Thomas Kas and Per Nasborn played with pace and style, though perhaps a little too briskly to bring out all the emotional nuances of the piece. An equally stylish performance was given by soloist Luc Capouliez in the Torelli D major trumpet concerto.

The scheduled programme ended with the "Hymn to Joy" from the last movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony, which the EEC uses as its anthem. Originally scored for full symphony orchestra and choir, the "Hymn to Joy" sounds unexciting in this reduction for chamber orchestra, and seemed a disappointing conclusion to the evening, especially when it was quite unnecessarily played again as the first encore.

However, the second encore changed the mood of the evening back to one of excitement, with a truly dazzling display of virtuosity on the flute from soloist Gaby van Riet in the Devienne D major concerto. This piece forms part of the scheduled programme for Thursday and Friday nights.

members, some have played with the parent orchestra for years while others, including first violinist Silvin Clobotta, joined only a few months ago.

Like the full Philharmonic, the chamber group only assembles for a particular tour or concert series, and rehearsal time is therefore at a premium. For the concerts in Amman, the players rehearsed their parts separately, meeting in Brussels last weekend for an intensive two days' ensemble work before flying to Jordan Monday.

"The young soloists group gives us a rare chance to play in a chamber orchestra and to play solo parts, which are two very different disciplines but both very challenging," viola soloist Gisella Bergman told the Jordan Times.

"We all regularly play in our academy orchestra, for that's a kind of obligation," added first violinist Silvin Clobotta. "The standard of this group is so much higher, it's a real pleasure to play in it."

Flautist Gaby van Riet has played with the Philharmonic for six years and the young chamber group aims to learn from the value of being in a professional orchestra, and the challenge of this is a career period.

Conductor Jean Jakus told the Jordan Times that the young Amman-based orchestra is a success. "This is the first time a chamber orchestra has appeared outside the EEC," he said. "The group is smoothly running and we are more than ready to face the future," he said.

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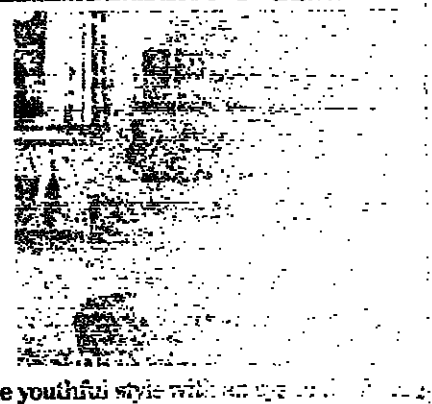
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HOME NEWS

W. Germany donates flour consignment for Palestinian refugees

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany has donated 3,650 tonnes of flour to Jordan to be distributed to Palestinian refugees and displaced persons.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim took delivery of the consignment which was formally handed over by the West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

In a speech to mark the occasion, the minister voiced Jordan's appreciation of the gesture to the West German government. The

Jordanian government is deeply grateful to West Germany for all types of assistance offered to Jordan in many different fields, the minister said.

Mr. Munz replied praising the close relations existing between Jordan and West Germany. This act is a token of friendship and an expression of our desire to support the Jordanian government's intensified efforts under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein to relieve the sufferings of the refugees in Jordan, Mr. Munz said.

Oman, Jordan seal information agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh discussed with his Omani counterpart Abdul Aziz Al Rawwas Wednesday cooperation between Jordan and Oman in the information field.

At a meeting, attended by senior Information Ministry officials on both sides, the ministers discussed the implementation of a joint information programme which entails cooperation in television and radio affairs and the exchange of news material, publications, and training in information-related fields.

To this end, the ministers reached an agreement which is to be signed at a later date. At the meeting both ministers praised the close Jordanian-Omani ties and hoped that the new agreement will further enhance cooperation.

Writers launch heritage week

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) will launch a Jordanian popular heritage week Monday.

This will include an exhibition of national costumes, collections of books and national documents, and a display of historic pictures including some rare photographs lent to the exhibition by the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives.

Also on the programme will be seminars to be held in the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, and the Professional Association Complex.

The activities, the first of its type in Jordan, are aimed at highlighting Jordanian popular culture.



West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz (second from left) signs a document donating 3,650 tonnes of flour to be distributed to Palestinian refugees (Petra photo)

Yugoslav trade team returns Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Yugoslav economic delegation left Amman Wednesday at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan after talks with Jordanian officials aimed at the bolstering of trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and Yugoslavia.

The talks culminated Tuesday with the signing of a protocol to increase the volume of trade between the two countries, and to boost cooperation in launching

joint economic ventures in Jordan.

Under the protocol Yugoslavia will increase its imports of chemical fertilisers, potash and phosphates from Jordan and will export to Jordan meat and various consumer products.

During their stay in Jordan, the Yugoslav delegation toured Jordanian economic projects and visited archaeological sites in the country.

Khadouri requests more medical aid

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Omani Health Minister Mubarak Al Khadouri said here Wednesday that his country is in need of Jordanian medical expertise specially in the fields of psychotherapy, paediatrics, laboratory research as well as generalised medical treatment. He was speaking at a meeting with his Jordanian counterpart Zuhair Malhas and senior Health Ministry officials.

The two sides set up a joint committee to follow up the implementation of an agreement signed earlier.

Hassan: Private sector must aid public services

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday urged the Amman Municipality to examine other countries' experiences in running public services and to copy them where suitable for Jordan.

Prince Hassan was speaking at a meeting with Amman's new Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and his senior aides.

He called on the Jordanian private sector to cooperate with the public sector in implementing public service projects and schemes intended to develop Amman. The municipality should coordinate its work with other government departments in the course of implementing projects in Amman. It must also prepare its plans for the municipality at least

five years in advance in order to ensure effective cooperation on the part of the municipal council, Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan also stressed the need for enlightening the Jordanian public on their rights and responsibilities through the utilisation of television and other media which, he said, ought to explain the different problems faced by the municipality and suggest any possible solutions.

During the meeting, Mr. Rawabdeh informed Prince Hassan on

the municipality's coming programme. The municipality has drawn up plans for the improvement of transportation services in Amman; creating car parks, draining water, repairing roads, establishing public gardens and youth centres, and numbering streets, Mr. Rawabdeh said.

He went on to say that, by the end of May 1983, all Amman streets will have been repaired and a special committee has now been set up to give new names to the streets in Amman facilitating their easier identification.

Following the meeting, Prince Hassan, the mayor and several officials toured a number of quarters surrounding the municipality building and studied the services offered to them.

Mayors' administrative training seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day seminar on raising the standard of the administrative skills of 20 mayors in the Amman and Balqa governorates ended here Wednesday. During the symposium, the participants discussed the role of local government and its relationship to overall development in Jordan, cooperation between the provincial governor and the municipalities, administrative law, personnel management and new regulations aimed at coping with local pollution problems.

The participants then issued proposals relating to the treatment of pollution, the combating of insects in the Jordan Valley and on subjects pertaining to residential areas in the two governorates. The recommendations also included a call to raise the standard of performance of municipal employees, and to hold refresher training courses for engineers and surveyors employed by the municipalities.

The seminar was organised by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment in cooperation with the Institute of Public Administration.

Ramtha schoolgirls open art exhibition

RAMTHA (Petra) — A four-day art exhibition by Ramtha schoolgirls opened here Wednesday. On display is a collection of paintings, models, embroidery, needlework as well as traditional national costumes.

Heads of local government departments and an audience of invited guests attended the opening ceremony.

Palestinian representatives meet Iraqi ambassador

AMMAN (Petra) — Representatives from Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and the Higher Arab Committee for Palestine Wednesday met the Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan to review the developments in the Iraq-Iran war. During the meeting they were told by the ambassador of the successes achieved by the Iraqi armed forces against Iran.

The representatives, from 10 camps, later sent cables to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq voicing pride in his leadership and the successes of the Iraqi army. The cables denounced the stand of a number of Arab regimes which they said had adopted a "treacherous attitude in support of the Iranian enemy against the Arab Nation." The refugees stated in their cable their readiness to volunteer to fight alongside Iraq in the war against Iran.

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Argentina one year after the Falklands war

By Robert Powell

Humiliation

The war was a crowning humiliation for the military rulers and led them to promise elections on Oct. 30 this year and a return to democracy in January, 1984. The Falklands invasion anniversary is therefore a very low key occasion. No official ceremonies are planned for April 2, which falls on Easter Saturday. But on April 4 a series of memorial services will be

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Attacking Iran's relations with the Syrian and South Yemen governments, he said: "How can leaders call themselves Islamic and work together with regimes that suppress Islam?"

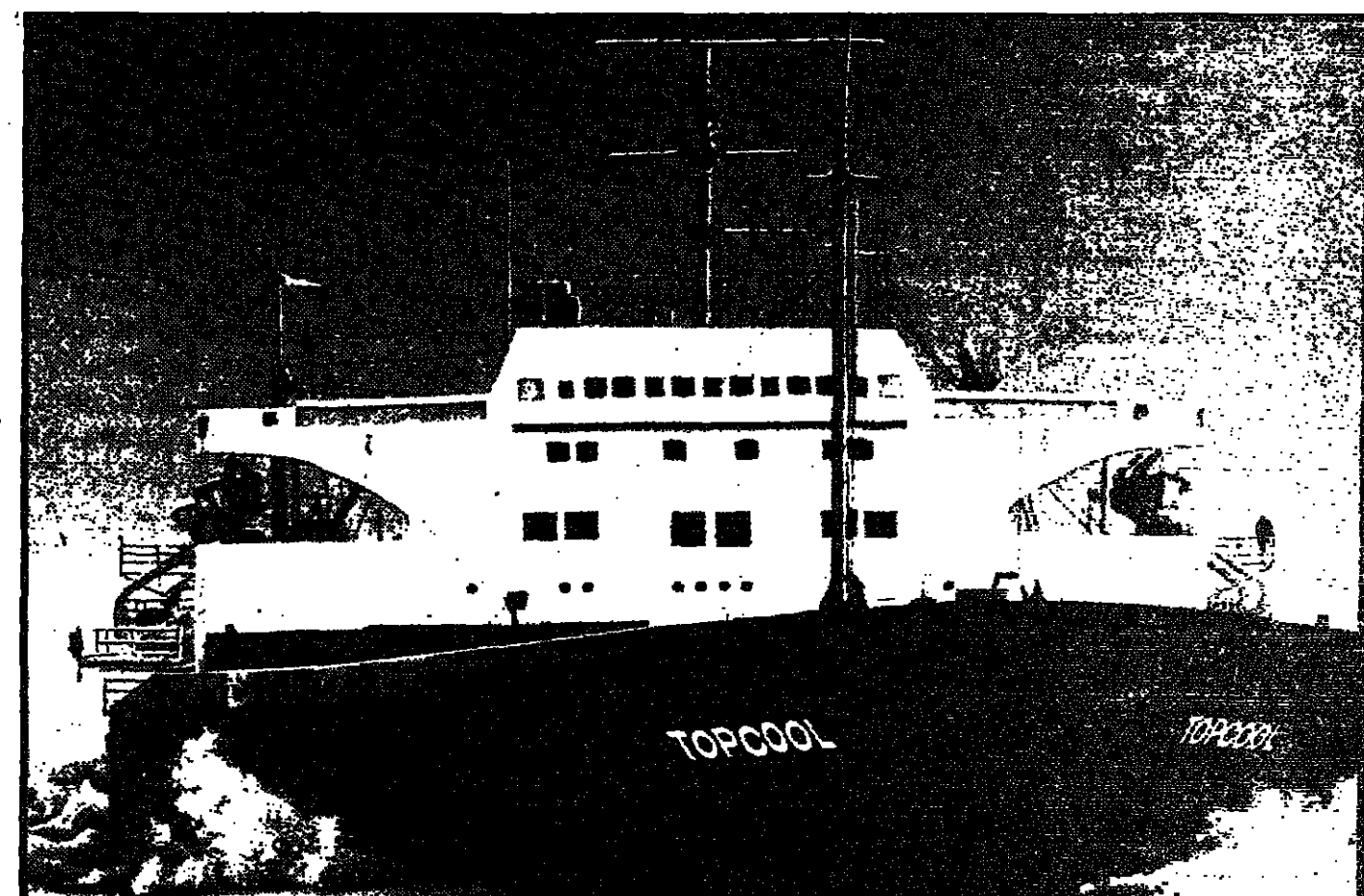
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Asked whether his movement



Mr. Chaudhron was evasive about his own life and travels. He said he was touring Europe on behalf of the "National Alliance" and had seen politicians in Italy and Switzerland. Asked how he had entered West Germany, he said: "I never break the law. I am like a bird. I flit from branch to branch."

Another leading figure in the Syrian Islamic movement, Issam El Attar, has been in hiding since 1981 after Arab gunmen shot dead his wife at their home in Aachen, near here. "I have to be very careful," Mr. Saadeddin said. "Assad has a long arm."



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SPORTS

Borg sweeps aside Clerc in Monte Carlo Open

MONTE CARLO (R) — Bjorn Borg, playing his last tournament before retiring, swept aside third seed Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina 6-1, 6-3 here Wednesday to move into the second round of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament.

Borg, who says he is quitting tennis and wants to be a television sports commentator, played his usual cool game as Clerc, who beat American John McEntroe in a Davis Cup tie earlier this month, struggled to find his form.

The Swedish ace, who won an unprecedented five Wimbledon titles in a row during his 11-year career, took just 27 minutes to take the first set 6-1.

Then in the second he rallied from 3-1 down to clinch the match as Clerc's game fell to pieces. Clerc missed 11 straight first serves and consistently hit the ball long and wide.

Borg was content to play a back court game, letting the Argentinian come to the net and do all the work.

Borg, a resident of this tiny Mediterranean principality and a member of the country club where

the tournament is being played, decided to make this his last appearance and entered the draw on one of three wild cards.

He meets French Davis Cup player Henri Leconte on Thursday. Leconte beat American Chip Hooper 6-2, 6-3 in the first round.

Borg said: "I didn't expect to win in straight sets. I am very surprised. Clerc didn't play at all well. He made a lot of errors. He can play much better."

"I think he was nervous. He was bad in the first set and after that it was difficult for him to come back into the match," said Borg.

"I didn't expect to be playing my best tennis, but I am relaxed because I have decided my future and I know I am not going to play any more. I reckon if I can play well enough, I can win here," he added.

"I haven't played Leconte before in a tournament, although we've played exhibition matches. He is a good player, and is on good form at the moment," he said.

Clerc, who looked tired and disappointed, said: "I was under a lot of pressure. People had been tel-

ling me that I would win, but I was nervous."

Using a clever mix of strokeplay and aggressive tactics, Shlomo Glickstein of Israel upset top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 in the first round Tuesday.

Glickstein, 25 years old who is ranked 42nd in the world, won a two hour 10 minute battle against the player rated the finest in the world by the computer rankings.

"That was my best victory ever," Glickstein said after his victory. "I've never beaten Lendl before and I've never beaten the world's top-ranked player before."

Lendl said he had been playing terribly ever since competing on a wood surface in the Davis Cup in Paraguay in early March. "I haven't been able to find my timing," he said.

On Sunday, he edged Kevin Curren of South Africa in three sets on a hard surface to win the Cuore Cup in Milan and he said he had only 45 minutes to practise on the Monte Carlo clay courts before Tuesday's match.

Mikkola challenges Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally

NAIROBI (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola, driving a four-wheel-drive Audi Quattro, will challenge the dominance of the Datsuns and local ace Shekhar Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally which starts Thursday.

Datsun have won the event, the fourth in this year's drivers' championship, seven times in the past 13 years with Mehta taking top honours for the past four years running.

But Mikkola, who became the first overseas driver to win the safari in 1972, is expected to make a strong bid against Mehta's Nissan 240rs over this year's 5,035-km four-day event.

Also in the top running is another Finn, Rauno Aaltonen, at the wheel of an Opel Ascona 400. In 19 attempts, Aaltonen has never won the safari, although he came within an ace of victory after a last-minute appeal in 1981 and is sure to be going all-out this time.

Michele Mouton of France, the world's leading woman driver, will be driving her Audi Quattro and former world champion Sandro Munari of Italy is entering an Alfa Romeo GTV6 to add extra spice to the 83-car field.

The safari is one of the world's most gruelling rallies, covering as it does the length and breadth of this rugged East African country.

Following the pattern of former years, the 1,621-km first leg takes the drivers through 26 stages on the comparatively easy but very fast run down to the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa and back up to Nairobi.

On Friday, leg two takes the cars on a wild 1,455-km swing

around mount Kenya in the centre of the country, returning to Nairobi on Saturday. This leg, which includes 23 stages is technically the most demanding and intricate for the drivers.

The 1,959-km third leg is the final test of the machines, looping through 38 stages up to the shores of Lake Victoria and on into the sun-baked semi-desert regions of northern Kenya before returning to Nairobi and the end of the rally on Sunday.

ACB fines Dennis Lillee

PERTH (R) — Fast bowler Dennis Lillee received a suspended 1,000-dollar (\$870) fine from the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Wednesday for using abusive language.

The incident occurred during a Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and South Australia in Adelaide on Feb. 28.

Bob Merriman, the ACB's cricket committee co-ordinator, who conducted Wednesday's hearing, said the suspended fine would be payable in addition to any other penalty should Lillee be found guilty of a breach of the code of behaviour during the next 14 months.

Lillee was accused of using abusive language towards spectators when he left the field after injuring his right knee.

Merriman said that as Lillee left the field he made a comment to the spectators which "was loud enough to be heard a considerable distance away."

He added that nothing had been said or done to provoke Lillee and his comment "would have been best left unsaid."

Lillee, 33, sporting a new beard and wearing sandals, made no comment after the hearing which followed a complaint lodged by Geoff Noblet, South Australian Cricket Association vice president.

The suspended fine is the heaviest penalty handed out under the ACB's code of behaviour. Lillee previously lost 700 dollars in match fees after being suspended for two one-day internationals for aiming a kick at Pakistan captain Javed Miandad in December 1981.

In another ruling, the ACB reduced an earlier fine on Lillee for a breach of the player-writer rule from 500 dollars (\$435) to 300 dollars (\$260). Merriman said the reduction, made on appeal, was consistent with other penalties for a first offence under this rule.

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ECONOMY

Britain plans to compete with Nigeria in oil price cuts

LONDON (R) — Britain's state oil trading company Wednesday proposed further cuts of between 50 and 75 cents in the price of North Sea crude, industry sources said.

The new proposed price structure would put the price of Britain's crude down 50 cents to \$30 a barrel, on a par with oil produced by its main competitor, Nigeria.

Other grades of oil would drop by 75 cents a barrel, the sources said.

The price proposals were being put forward after consultations between the trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), and its clients but still have to be accepted by both suppliers and customers.

The spotlight will now be on Nigeria, which threatened after this month's OPEC conference in London to match any British cut in order to maintain its competitive edge in a glutted market.

The two countries produce similar grades of high quality light crude and compete for customers in the European and North American markets.

Industry analysts believe the Nigerians may be prepared to accept the latest proposed cuts, although informed sources have reported pressure within the Lagos government to match BNOC moves cent for cent.

British oil accounts for up to 30 per cent of daily British production of 2.5 million barrels a day and will now become the marker crude, replacing the declining forties grade.

Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani predicted at the end of the OPEC conference that further British cuts of a dollar or more would invite an oil price war.

BNOC last recommended a North Sea price cut in mid-February when it proposed slashing \$3 off its existing \$33.50 a barrel price. Industry sources said oil companies would ideally like to see British crude pegged down lower to reflect continuing slack demand in

the market. But BNOC's major customers were apparently prepared to settle on a compromise in exchange for longer-term market stability, they said.

Some analysts believe Wednesday's reported BNOC proposal, with cuts of less than some sectors of the industry had expected, reflected political pressure on BNOC not to stir up fresh conflict with the OPEC producers.

The British government has a policy of maintaining maximum production from the North Sea at market prices but is, at the same time, eager to see price stability.

BNOC's last price cut proposal in February was swiftly followed by a Nigerian decision to undercut it by 50 cents, despite the fact that Nigerian oil is marginally more valuable to refiners than North Sea crude.

The reported BNOC proposals if accepted would set the prices of major world marker crudes as follows:

Saudi Arabian Arab light (OPEC marker) \$29
Nigerian bonny light \$30
North Sea Brent \$30
Algerian and Libyan light \$30.50

Industry sources said BNOC proposed the latest cuts should be backdated to March 1.

Some BNOC customers, who accepted the February cuts, have been paying \$30.50 a barrel since then while other companies who were not satisfied with the size of the reduction have stayed on the old price of \$33.50 pending further cuts.

Sterling, which has been at record lows in recent weeks, partly in response to uncertainty about world oil prices, rose slightly on news of the less than anticipated 50 cent cut in the North Sea marker price.

Industry sources said BNOC had asked its suppliers and customers to reply to the latest proposals by April 8. The corporation was setting a firm date in order to avoid the delay in fixing a new price structure over the past six weeks.

Until a new price is agreed, the now defunct \$33.50 price remains the official one.

Deutsche Bank expects modest economic growth

FRANKFURT (R) — A spokesman for West Germany's biggest bank said Wednesday he expected only a modest growth in the West German economy this year, despite signs that it is picking up.

Wilfried Guth, spokesman for the Deutsche Bank AG joint management board, was speaking at a press conference at which the bank's net profits for 1982 were released showing a drop over 1981 of 69.58 million marks (\$28.75 million) to 342.75 million marks (\$141.63 million).

"We can reckon with a modest growth of hardly more than one half percentage point. All hopes are centred on 1984, when we believe a growth in Gross National Product (GNP) of a good three per cent is possible," he said.

The West German government has forecast nil growth for 1983 in real GNP — the increase in the country's total output of goods and services after abstracting inflation.

Mr. Guth said positive signs have come from a rise in new orders to the building, auto and engineering industries. But he added the government must build on new confidence it has fostered in investment by cutting its budget

deficit to 1.5 per cent of GNP from the current 3.3 per cent.

Turning to the realignment 10 days ago of the European Monetary System (EMS), Mr. Guth said that if tensions returned quickly to the EMS another early realignment could well spell the end of the system's usefulness.

Although the compromise under which France devalued the franc by 2.5 per cent and West Germany revalued the mark by 5.5 per cent was worthwhile to calm uncertainty in the currency markets, Mr. Guth said another compromise could not be justified in the next few months.

"I do not believe that any price should be paid in the future to keep the EMS going," he said.

He said the future of the system now hung on the ability of countries like France and Italy to prevent their economies from diverging too widely from those of the "hard" EMS currencies such as West Germany.

Mr. Guth described the new French package of austerity measures, announced last week, as very strong and said they displayed a determination to reduce the country's trade deficit.

British Aerospace loses £23m in '82 after taxes

LONDON (R) — British Aerospace has announced a 1982 loss after taxes of £23 million (\$34 million) due to provisions for lower sales and prices in the future despite a jump in trading profit last year.

Preliminary results from the company, partially denationalised by the government nearly two years ago, said it had made a trading profit of more than £112 million (\$164 million) in 1982.

But it announced an overall post-tax loss of £23 million after setting aside £100 million (\$146 million) for an "exceptional provision" to cover lower sales and

cut prices in future years.

Chairman Sir Austin Pearce said the provision had been made because of the state of the civil aircraft market, with airlines losing money and deferring or cancelling orders. But he said British Aerospace would not cancel one of its latest planes, the 146, for which there were 17 firm orders and 19 options.

The company said its trading profit was 19 per cent higher than in 1981. Profits before the exceptional provision were up 20 per cent from £70.6 million (\$103 million) to £84.7 million (\$124 million).

Third World will need \$200b by '83 to recover

GENEVA (R) — Developing countries will need an estimated \$200 billion by 1985 to stop a slide in migration and restore economic growth, a United Nations report said Wednesday.

The U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in the report it had revised its emergency proposals, published earlier this year, to channel \$70 billion to the Third World and was now putting forward a \$90 billion plan.

Developing signs of resumption of growth in market economies, developing countries' output was like that in 1983 for the third year in a row, UNCTAD said.

It was a situation not expected in the Third World since the depression, it added.

UNCTAD said \$90 billion were needed for developing countries to reach an annual five per cent growth average during 1984-1985. The plan will be presented to a 15-nation UNCTAD conference in Bologna in June.

The report reiterated proposals made earlier this year, including a call to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to sell off a significant proportion of its gold stocks to help rescue Third World countries from cash shortage.

Other proposed measures included an increase in aid by developed countries to reach more than the 0.7 per cent target set by the United Nations.

The UNCTAD report said the expected recovery in industrialised countries would not be enough to boost exports from the Third World.

The report identified heavy pressure on Third World nations' balance of payments as the main stumbling block for growth.

The outlook for growth in major West European countries was bleak, against a general background of uncertainty, it added.

Even in the United States, despite increasing signs that an acceleration of activity was imminent, it was too early to say whether this would be significant, UNCTAD said.

Riyadh devalues riyal

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporting country, said Wednesday it had slightly devalued its currency against the dollar.

A dollar was now worth 3.45 riyals compared with 3.44 previously, the Saudi Arabian monetary agency said in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia alters the parity of its currency erratically and bankers said they could see no particular significance in Wednesday's very small devaluation.

The parity shifts represent technical rather than fundamental adjustments to maintain the riyal within a fluctuation band against the special drawing right, the International Monetary Fund's paper currency, they said.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities were off the lows following the British National Oil Corporation proposal to cut North Sea oil prices, though trading was quiet ahead of the holiday weekend, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 was down 2.3 at 649.8.

BNOC proposes a cut of 50 cents to \$30 per barrel of Brent field oil, which replaces forties as the North Sea crude marker price, dealers added. B.P. was down 2p at 316 after 312 while Shell was unchanged on balance at 444 after 438.

Government bonds were around ¼ point firmer in longer dated issues in quiet trading following the BNOC proposal and on hopes that U.S. interest rates will not rise, dealers said.

The £97.5 million rights issue planned by Standard Chartered, which was down 23p at 459 after 449, caused other banks to fall in sympathy, with Barclays off 11p at 450. In insurances, Legal and General was unchanged on balance at 418 after 428, and Guardian Royal was up 10p at 422, after both announced figures above market expectations. Minet Holdings rose 9p to 136.

Bowater fell 26p to 148 on lower than expected 1982 pretax profits, but later rallied to 163, down 11p on Wednesday. British Aerospace fell 14p to 203 after comment on Tuesday's results.

Hanson Trust, which Tuesday increased its holding in UDS to 10.99 pct, rose 6p to 189. UDS was up 1p at 133.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.4558/68	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2291/94	Canadian dollars
	2.4227/37	West German marks
	2.7265/75	Dutch guilders
	2.0775/95	Swiss francs
	48.09/15	Belgian francs
	7.2600/50	French francs
	1443.25/1444.25	Italian lire
	239.50/65	Japanese yen
	7.5240/60	Swedish crowns
	7.1950/2000	Norwegian crowns
	8.6025/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	417.00/418.00	U.S. dollars



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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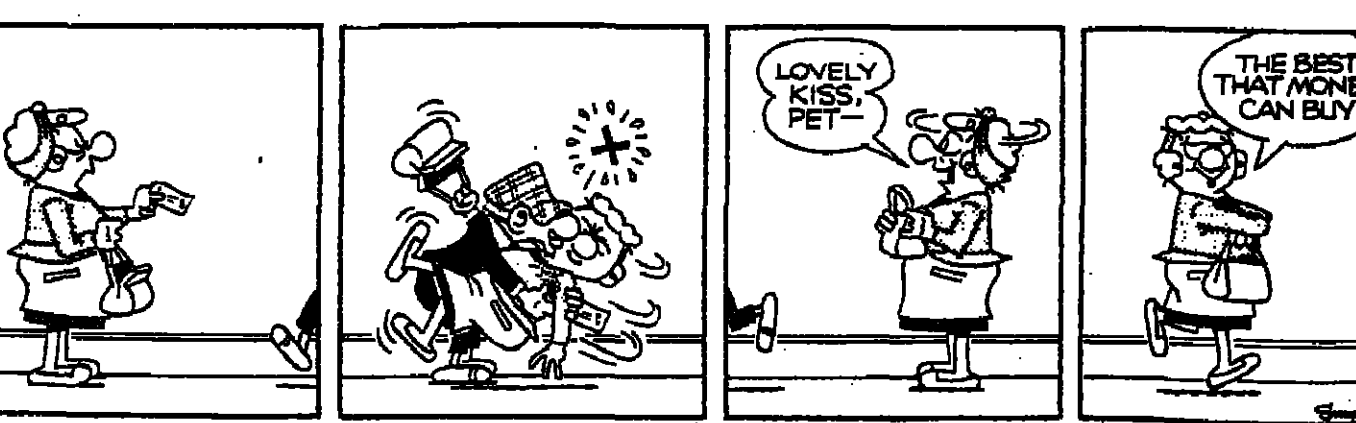
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Ministry of Public Works in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is inviting international contractors, in association with local contractors, to obtain prequalification forms for submitting construction tenders for the completion and maintenance of Phase I of Prince Hamza Medical Centre in Amman. These forms may be obtained from the Office of Government Tenders Directorate at the Ministry of Public Works against the payment of a non-refundable fee of JD 100 (one hundred Jordanian Dinars) between the hours of 09.00 and 14.00 Saturday, the April 2, 1983 and also up to and including Saturday the May 14, 1983.

Completed forms must be returned to the same office not later than 12.00 noon on the May 28, 1983.

It is anticipated that qualified contractors will be invited to collect tender documents by September, 1983. The tender submittal will be approximately two and a half months thereafter.

The hospital building is an eight level structure and has an approximate total floor area of 55,000 square metres. A brief description of the works involved is included in the prequalification forms.

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1. Open-Air-Concert, Roman Theatre/Jerash.
— Sunday, April 3, 1983 at 3:30 p.m.
— Tickets for JD 1 available at the entrance of the Roman Theatre/Jerash
2. GALA-CONCERT, Royal Cultural Centre, Amman
— Monday, April 4, 1983 at 8 p.m.
— Tickets: JD 10
3. CONCERT, Royal Cultural Centre, Amman
— Tuesday, April 5, 1983 at 8 p.m. (same programme as Gala Concert)
— Tickets: JD 8
4. CONCERT, Royal Cultural Centre, Amman
— Wednesday, April 6, 1983 at 8 p.m. (different prog.)
— Tickets: JD 6

TICKETS ON SALE:
(1) Goethe Institute, Tel: 41993, (2) Royal Cultural Centre, Tel: 660026, (3) EEC Delegation, Tel: 668191, (4) Lufthansa Office, Tel: 44377, (5) Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, Tel: 41361, (6) Amra Hotel, Tel: 315072.

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WORLD

Nicaragua destroys rebel runway

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaraguan troops have destroyed a runway used by rightist exiles to support their invasion of Nicaragua from Honduras, Interior Minister Tomas Borge said Tuesday night.

On the night of the attack, Borge said, the runway was used by the rightists to land aircraft and to transport supplies.

Three Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and three wounded in the fighting, he said. The rightists, who fled to the mountains, also suffered casualties, he said, but gave no details.

Borge said the runway was used by helicopters and small planes to supply the invaders with arms, ammunition and other supplies. He said the runway was on the ground when it was attacked.

He said there were actually two runways in the area, one in Nicaragua and one in Honduras, but "We attacked the runway on the Nicaraguan side only."

A government communiqué earlier said Honduran troops attacked Nicaraguan border posts in Chinandega province on Sunday and crossed into Nicaragua before being beaten back.

It was the latest escalation by Nicaragua of border crossings from Honduras since it said last week that it had been infiltrated by some 2,000 rightist exiles.

Security Council avoids risk of U.S. veto

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Security Council side-stepped the issue of a U.S. veto Tuesday night by ending a debate on Nicaraguan charges of aggression by Washington-backed guerrillas based in Honduras without adopting a resolution.

Cheysson attempts to sell nuclear plant to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — France said Tuesday it differed with U.S. policy and was discussing the possibility of selling a billion dollar nuclear power plant to Pakistan.

Foreign Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, declining to say whether the sale was a possibility, said France was not ready to sell any nuclear technology to Pakistan for the purpose of a power plant, but it was not ready to sell any nuclear technology to Pakistan for the purpose of a power plant.

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Underground calls for May Day celebrations

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More than 50 delegates took part in the five-day debate. Many urged a negotiated settlement, including a meeting of the leaders of Nicaragua, Honduras and other Central American countries.

Britain's Sir John Thomson, the council president for March and one of the last speakers, also raised the possibility of a good offices mission for U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

But no formal resolution was presented. The United States, as one of the five permanent members of the Council, could have vetoed any text it found unacceptable. Nicaragua was apparently unwilling to settle for a mildly-worded draft.

Instead, Nicaragua was content to enlist the support of a large number of speakers, mostly from Third World and communist countries.

The representative of Nicaragua's left-wing revolutionary government charged that some 2,000 supporters of the late Dictator Anastasio Somoza had infiltrated from neighbouring Honduras on orders from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

While they posed no military threat, they might be used as a diversion to prepare the way for a large-scale invasion aimed at toppling the Managua government, he added.

Honduras denied any role in the fighting, saying it stemmed from internal repression in Nicaragua and other problems. It also accused Nicaragua of aggressive acts against its neighbours.

A similar stand was taken by the U.S., which has accused Nicaragua of funneling arms to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador and other parts of Central America.

Speaking early in the debate, the U.S. said Nicaragua was seeking the Council's protection while it carried out a policy of repression at home and aggression abroad.

Argentine unionists to stage protest march

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Hardliners in Argentina's trade union movement said they will stage a protest march against the military government Wednesday following Monday's strike which brought the country almost to a halt.

But leaders of the moderate "azopardo" faction of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) had still not decided early Wednesday whether to join the march.

Both wings of the trade union movement called a 24-hour national strike on Monday to demand better wages and to protest at the government's economic and social policies.

Union leaders said widespread support for the strike showed the Argentine people's repudiation of seven years of military rule.

The armed forces seized power in 1976 but have promised to hold elections on October 30 and restore democratic government.

Wednesday's demonstration has been called to commemorate a wave of anti-government demonstrations on March 30 last year which were heavily repressed by the authorities.

More than 2,000 people were arrested in Buenos Aires during last year's protest.

Saul Ubaldini, general secretary of the militant "Brasil" wing of the CGT, said Tuesday night the march would go ahead, even if the government tried to ban it.

He told reporters the demonstrators will gather outside the Buenos Aires headquarters of the CGT-Brasil and march to a square near the former headquarters of Argentina's trade union movement, closed down following the 1976 coup.

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House speaker in China; Peking raps Taiwan policy

PEKING (R) — The official newspaper China Daily Wednesday accused the United States of duplicity in its relations with Taiwan and said continued double-dealing would further endanger links between Washington and Peking.

The English-language newspaper made the accusation in a commentary timed to coincide with a visit to Peking by Thomas (Tip) O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives.

"A month seldom passes without someone on the other side of the Pacific harping on the same old tune and declaring that there is an American alliance with Taiwan, which the U.S. officially agrees is part of China," the paper said.

"Such declarations cannot be ignored just because of their sheer absurdity, nor taken as mere senile garrulity, for principles governing international behaviour are involved," it added.

"Continued double-dealing will further endanger relations between the two countries which are not as they should be for lack of fundamental trust," the paper added.

Relations between China and the U.S. are under strain as a result of continued American support for Taiwan.

China said last week it had objected to Washington over U.S. plans to deliver a record \$800 million worth of arms this year to the Nationalist-ruled island.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel was called to the foreign ministry on March 17 to be informed of China's displeasure over the arms sales.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

\$1m drugs seized in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian police have seized an estimated \$1 million worth of drugs after a two-hour gunbattle with smugglers who fled on camels, a spokesman for Cairo security department said. The spokesman told Reuters that 1,600 policemen took part in the eastern desert battle in the outskirts of Salam City, a Cairo suburb.

'Shergar is probably dead by now'

LONDON (R) — Champion racehorse Shergar, kidnapped from a stud farm in Ireland in February, is probably dead, according to a member of the syndicate which owns the stallion. "I've given up all hope of seeing Shergar alive again," Lord Derby told reporters Tuesday night. "I had two mares waiting to go to stud by him, but now I've made other arrangements," he said. The £10 million (\$14 million) stallion, which is syndicated among 40 shareholders, notably the Aga Khan, won the 1981 English and Irish Derbys. Irish police say they have no new leads in the case. The only real clues to the stallion's disappearance have been a demand for a £2 million (\$2.8 million) ransom and descriptions of three men seen near the stud on the night of the kidnapping.

Body hunters thrive in Harare

HARARE (R) — A major Harare hospital is being plagued by body-hunters, small time unofficial undertakers, the government information service reported Tuesday. "They have come to be known as the death dealers as their business thrives on dead bodies," it said in a press handout. The dealers, who have mushroomed over the city, visit Harare hospital every morning and their first question to attendants is "how many dead today?" it reported. "These people have no morals. Sometimes they walk into the wards during visiting times looking for seriously ill patients. Then they offer funeral services before the person is even dead," said hospital administrator Margaret Chidzonga.

Basque guerrillas end prison mutiny

VICTORIA, Spain (R) — About 35 jailed Basque guerrillas ended a prison mutiny early Wednesday and released five hostages unharmed, officials said. They seized the hostages, all prisoners, near here Tuesday after rioting in protest against the transfer of a fellow prisoner. The guerrillas surrendered after receiving assurances that there would be no further transfers, the officials said.

Ripper victim fined for soliciting

LEEDS, England (R) — A young mother who survived an attack by the so-called Yorkshire Ripper in December 1977, was convicted of soliciting and fined £20 (\$30) by a local court. Marilyn Moore, 30, was arrested by members of the vice squad here less than a mile from where she was attacked by Peter Sutcliffe, now serving a life sentence for murder.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

IT FIGURES
By Stanley B. Whitman

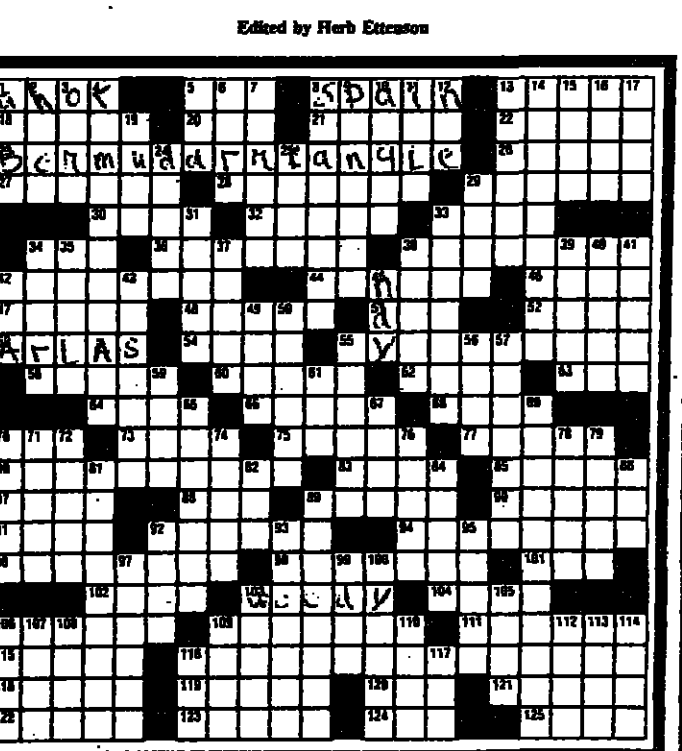
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19 X 19, by Neil McCarthy

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Last Week's Cryptograms
1. Frickly cactus blooming in dry desert produces tropical looking blossoms.
2. Why do dear Communist communists communicate poorly with common people?
3. First garden cheerfully produced too many pansies, not enough violas.
4. Army men fall in regularly in fall regalia.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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KIDZGTI TXI CITANLIC ZL GLKIDSEALM
XIREIO NSV Z KIRRAMIVILLO KIXIESOX
—By India M. Sperry

2. GULUEOM MUTPCOM LEAUN LI OGIAN KAP
ANLUECAUT TALK O GOAM CIGAU PLOE
—By Lois H. Jones

3. ZTT ALIYAFMBJ YFM GCOX XZFPZ ALCKE
CU JYCU MUT JMBDGF: BYDT ODT. —By Earl Ireland

4. TOR UG STOURE KOS TOUR STOGY LI YEZ
YKILTOGR. —By Barbara J. Rugg